
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

H-7653 & H-8135 HAVE BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [6634](#)

BY Handy, Craven, Ackerman, Bennett, Kislak, Tanzi, Carson, Felix, Ruggiero, Chippendale ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC3467/1} (Same as 21H-5684 -- Exempts bicycles from sales and use tax.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6635](#)

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION--STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS METRICS {LC3468/1} (Same as 21H-5685 --Requires that the division of planning create a checklist of environmental and energy issues that state construction projects which cost in excess of \$10,000,000 would need to consider.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6639](#)

BY Henries, Morales, J Lombardi, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Ranglin-Vassell, Felix, Alzate, Amore ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING CONSTRUCTION {LC3600/1} (Same as 21H-6074 --Creates the housing jobs department and a series of other initiatives designed to create jobs in housing construction, specifically affordable and low income housing, green and solar energy jobs and programs for low income individuals.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6657](#)

BY Phillips, Costantino, Shallcross Smith, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Carson, Speakman, Hawkins, Cardillo, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SOLAR PANELS {LC3606/1} (Same as 21H-6436 --Would establish group for placement of solar panels on inter-state highways, would use America Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for funding.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7126](#)

BY P Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM {LC3379/1} (Requires a yearly deposit of \$200 per solar panel into an escrow account for the future disposal and exempts residential homeowners from the deposit.)

01/20/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7286](#)

BY McLaughlin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC3179/1} (Includes middle income taxpayers/retirees meeting 85% of Rhode Island's median income levels as eligible participants for heating assistance and doubles the amount of assistance available which shall be funded by available American Rescue Plan funds.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7451](#)

BY Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Noret, Serpa, P Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- INSPECTION OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS -- ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OF JOHNSON'S POND {LC4543/1} (Provides a dedicated grant of funding to DEM, specifically to commission an environmental study for the public benefit.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7496](#)

BY Bennett, Cortvriend, Speakman, Carson, Ajello, Kislak, Donovan, Henries, Hull, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ECONOMIC AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACT OF 2022 {LC3279/1} (Establishes a fee on companies that sell fossil fuels in Rhode Island.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7621](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Carson, Handy, Donovan, Caldwell, Henries, Tanzi, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - HOME HEATING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT {LC4691/1} (Creates the Home Heating Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act which program provides a mechanism and funding for gas companies to transition from providing gas heat to non-emitting renewable thermal energy for home heating consumers.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7640](#)

BY Giraldo, McLaughlin, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 {LC5268/1} (Amends membership of the RI Housing Resources Act of 1998 Commission to exclude a representative of the insurers and replace it with a representative of a Rhode Island city or town with a population below 25,000 with a median family income of 40,000.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7661](#)

BY Bennett, McEntee, Speakman, Ajello, Carson, Donovan, Cassar, Henries, Ruggiero, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES {LC5009/1} (Bans state purchases of plastic bottles, bags and polystyrene. It would also require state funds to be used to lease or purchase alternative fueled vehicles and renewable energy efficient technologies for use on state property.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7755](#)

BY Donovan, Carson, Cortvriend, Speakman, Ruggiero, Williams, Alzate, Ranglin-Vassell, McEntee, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT- GOVERNOR'S CLEAN ENERGY WORKFORCE TRANSITION COMMISSION {LC4897/1} (Creates the Governor's Clean Energy Workforce Transition Commission.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7800](#)

(Division of Public Utilities and Carriers)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC5248/1} (Amends the total amount of expenses that may be charged to a utility for those expenses related to a commission or division initiated investigation of public utilities with gross intrastate operating revenues exceeding \$400,000,000.)

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7868](#)

BY P Morgan, Hull, C Lima, Phillips, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Corvese, McLaughlin, J Lombardi, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LICENSING {LC4962/1} (Exempts anyone age sixty-five (65) or older from the fishing license fee. An application must be completed.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7921](#)

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- RHODE ISLAND UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT {LC5254/1}

(Eliminates the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank financial advisory board and include the cleanup of residential heating oil tanks under the eligibility for reimbursement from the cleanup fund.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8052](#)

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Donovan, Carson, Casimiro, Bennett, Solomon, Edwards, McEntee, Phillips

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$635,000 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC5555/1} (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of six hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$635,000) for DEM for the removal, disposal and replacement of certain aqueous film forming foam.)

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8112](#)

BY Tanzi, Morales, Cortvriend, Edwards, Carson, Donovan, Kislak, Cassar, Fogarty, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2022 BOND REFERENDA {LC5753/1} (Submits 2022 capital development program requesting the issuance of \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds to the voters for approval at the November 8, 2022, general election.)

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8113](#)

BY Tanzi, Morales, Ruggiero, Carson, Donovan, Kislak, Cassar, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2022 BOND REFERENDA {LC5758/1} (Submits 2022 capital development program requesting the issuance of \$25,000,000 in general obligation bonds to the voters for approval at the November 8, 2022, general election.)

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8134](#)

BY Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2022 BOND REFERENDA {LC5775/1} (Submit the state's 2022 capital development program requesting the

issuance of general obligation bonds totaling \$28,500,000 for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022.)

04/13/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8152](#)

BY Tobon, Casey, Barros, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Edwards, O'Brien, Craven, Corvese, J Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- THE GREEN HOUSING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ACT {LC5797/1} (Creates the green housing public-private partnership act to incentivize the construction of properties with climate emissions reduction goals.)

04/14/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8155](#)

BY Slater, Diaz, Williams

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC5801/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of (\$100,000) to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the purpose providing funding for a veterinarian at the Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island.)

04/14/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7653](#)

BY Cortvriend, Carson, McGaw, Batista, Speakman, Felix, Alzate, Kislak, Tanzi, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION ACT {LC4473/1} (Provides for a plan and structure to transition to green energy in motor and other vehicles.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8135](#)

BY Tobon, Casey, Fogarty, McEntee, Morales, Craven, Hawkins, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Tanzi

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 TO THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5723/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 to the University of Rhode Island to expand the state's economic opportunities in Regenerative Agriculture Technologies.)

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04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM

The meeting will be televised live by Capitol Television on Cox Communications (channels 15, 61, and 1061 for high definition), Full Channel (on 15) and Verizon (on channel 34). Livestreaming is available at <https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Send written testimony to: HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

Testimony must include: your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither).

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IN PERSON TESTIMONY

Individuals may testify in person, not by telephone. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room. Signs/posters/pictures are not allowed to be displayed inside hearing room.

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Committee Clerk

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